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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY ELECTION RETURNS AND IMPLICATIONS

1. BELOW ARE THE OFFICIAL BUT INCOMPLETE ELECTION RETURNS
ANNOUNCED FOR THE FOUR PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES BY THE NATIONAL
ELECTORAL COMMISSION AT 1900 HOURS LOCAL TIME JULY 10. THE
FIGURES INCLUDE 678,678 (36 PERCENT) OF THE APPROXIMATELY
1,922,000 TOTAL REGISTERED VOTE.

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DEPARTMENT PEREDA (UNP) SILES (UDP) (MNR-H/PRA) BERNAL (PDC)

CHUQUISACA 8638 (25)## 18022 (53) 4331 (13) 1507 (4)

LA PAZ# 20603 (37) 35191 (47) 5396 (7) 1954 (3)

COCHABAMBA 95769 (56) 18652 (11) 2953 (2) 40595 (24)

SANTA CRUZ 108556 (61) 15492 (9) 41645 (23) 2579 (1)

POTOSI 10438 (19) 30588 (56) 7363 (13) 2244 (4)

ORURO 12336 (14) 11455 (13) 6035 (7) 50718 (59)

TARIJA 34892 (60) 5766 (10) 13736 (24) 514 (1)

BENI 10628 (53) 2538 (13) 5516 (28) 677 (3)

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PANDO 490 (43) 60 (5) 553 (49) 5 (0)

TOTAL 302395 (45) 137764 (20) 87528 (13) 100793 (15)

#FIGURES FOR LA PAZ ARE OFFICIAL RETURNS RELEASED SEPARATELY AT
2040 HOURS JULY 10.

##FIGURES IN PARENTHESIS ARE PERCENTAGES.

2. IF NO CANDIDATE ACHIEVES A MAJORITY (FIFTY PERCENT PLUS ONE) OF THE POPULAR VOTE, THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT MUST BE ELECTED, AGAIN BY MAJORITY, BUT THE NEW CONGRESS FROM THE THREE LEADING ELECTORAL SLATES. THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WILL BE APPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS: CHUQUISACA: 9 MAJORITY 2 MINORITY; LA PAZ: 18 MAJ 4 MIN; COCHABAMBA: 13 MAJ, 3 MIN; ORURO: 7 MAJ, 2 MIN; POTOSI: 14 MAJ, 3 MIN; SANTA CRUZ: 11 MAJ, 3 MIN; TARIJA: 6 MAJ, 2 MIN; BENI: 6 MAJ, 2 MIN; AND PANDO: 5 MAJ, 1 MIN. THE UPPER HOUSE WILL CONSIST OF THREE SENATORS FROM EACH DEPARTMENT, TWO REPRESENTING THE MAJORITY AND ONE THE MINORITY. THE CONGRESS, THEREFORE, WILL BE CONSTITUTED BY 111 DEPUTIES AND 27 SENATORS OR A TOTAL OF 138 REPRESENTATIVES.

3. IF THE FIGURES CITED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ARE INDICATIVE OF VOTING TRENDS (AND THEY MAY NOT BE), PEREDA WOULD NOT ACHIEVE A POPULAR MAJORITY. IN CONGRESS HIS BACKERS WOULD FILL 61 SEATS-- NINE SHORT OF THE MAJORITY. SILES ZUAZO WOULD HAVE 47 CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, PAZ 17, AND BERNAL 13. TO BE ELECTED, THEREFORE, PEREDA WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A DEAL WITH EITHER PAZ OR BERNAL. SILES, ON THE OTHER HAND, WOULD NEED THE SUPPORT OF BOTH PAZ AND BERNAL TO EMERGE VICTOR IN CONGRESS.
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